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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Highlights

- The Washington Post reports a United Airlines baggage handler at Dulles International Airport has pleaded guilty to stealing mail containing credit cards that passed through the airport, in a scheme that defrauded financial institutions of nearly \$4 million. (See item [4](#))
- The Associated Press reports federal agents have shut down an elaborate, 360-foot drug-smuggling tunnel dug underneath the U.S.–Canadian border — the first such passageway discovered along the nation's northern edge. (See item [5](#))
- CNN reports that two weeks to the day after the July 7 London bombings, attackers tried — and failed — to set off explosive devices at three Tube stations and on a double-decker bus. (See item [7](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *July 21, Denver Post (CO)* — **Power-reduction programs ease demand on system.**
Voluntary power reductions by Coloradans, with an assist from afternoon clouds, helped Xcel Energy avoid record demand for electricity Wednesday, July 20. Wednesday's 105-degree high caused Xcel to implement two programs designed to abate the pressure on its statewide power

system. Xcel said it saved 159 megawatts of electricity by interrupting power to customers who had previously signed up for the voluntary energy–reduction programs. Use of the programs kept Wednesday's peak power demand slightly under the record 6,655 megawatts. The program allows some businesses to receive bill credits of varying amounts in exchange for agreeing to have their power cut. Another program that automatically cycles residential air conditioners on and off saved 54 megawatts systemwide. Xcel pays \$25 a year to homeowners participating in the "Saver's Switch" program.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/ci_2878119?rss

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

2. *July 22, Sophos* — **Hundreds arrested in huge 419 scam investigation.** Three hundred and ten people have been arrested in Malaga, Spain as part of an investigation into a \$363 million lottery scam that attempted to rob innocent Internet users out of their savings. According to Spanish media reports, the FBI worked alongside Spanish authorities in what is believed to be the biggest round–up of so–called 419 or "Nigerian e–mail" scammers. According to officials, the scam is said to have claimed over 20,000 victims in 45 countries including United States, UK, France, Germany, Australia and Japan.

Source: <http://www.sophos.com/spaminfo/articles/419bust.html>

3. *July 21, Peoria Journal Star (IL)* — **Federal authorities say counterfeit cash making rounds.** More counterfeit money is passing through central Illinois this year than at any time in at least the past decade, federal authorities say. Five months after a flurry of phony money started showing up in cash registers and business deposits throughout the area, another wave of worthless paper has come through, said Mike Lecrone, a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service. "In the Peoria area, there is more counterfeit here this year than I've seen in my career," said Lecrone, a nine–year veteran special agent and former Peoria police financial crimes detective. Authorities so far have arrested two Peoria men who operated as a team and are looking for a third man who acted independently, police said. In all, the Secret Service has collected more than \$74,000 in counterfeit bills in downstate Illinois so far this year. Technology is often to blame for more counterfeiters, Lecrone said. Before, a person needed certain skills — knowledge of running a printing press, mixing paint, photography and editing photography, Lecrone said. This one person would churn out \$70,000 to \$100,000 in counterfeit bills. However, now all you need now is a good color printer or copier, said

Lecrone.

Source: http://www.pjstar.com/stories/072105/TRI_B71T0577.027.shtml

4. *July 21, Washington Post* — **Airport worker pleads guilty in mail theft.** A United Airlines baggage handler at Dulles International Airport in Virginia pleaded guilty on Wednesday, July 20, to stealing mail containing credit cards that passed through the airport, a scheme that authorities said defrauded financial institutions of nearly \$4 million. Emmanuel Osho admitted that he stuffed huge quantities of mail into a black duffel bag and drove the letters to a co-conspirator in New York. The credit cards inside were then activated and distributed to teams of people, called "strickers," who used them to get fraudulent cash advances at banks and credit unions in about 100 towns along the East Coast. The stolen credit cards were intended for about 2,000 people, many in Northern Virginia. Although their Social Security numbers were obtained and used to activate the cards, all of the financial loss was absorbed by seven credit card companies and 56 credit unions, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/07/20/AR2005072001783.html>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

5. *July 22, The Associated Press* — **Drug-smuggling tunnel shut down.** The loads of dirt coming out of the boarded-up hut perplexed Canadian border guards. So did the loads of construction materials going in. The guards tipped off investigators, who found that the hut was a starting point for an elaborate, 360-foot drug-smuggling tunnel beneath the U.S.-Canadian border. On Thursday, July 21, authorities said they have shut down the tunnel—the first such passageway discovered along the nation's northern edge—and arrested five people on marijuana trafficking charges. The tunnel ran from the hut on the Canadian side and ended under the living room of a home on the U.S. side, 300 feet from the border. It was equipped with lights and ventilation, and ran underneath a highway. Authorities had been monitoring construction of the tunnel for six months and had allowed its operators to make at least a few trips—all under surveillance—before sealing the passage Wednesday, U.S. Attorney John McKay said. On July 2, U.S. agents entered the home on the American side to examine the passageway. They later installed cameras and listening devices in the home. Francis Devandra Raj, 30; Timothy Woo, 34; and Jonathan Valenzuela, 27, of Surrey, British Columbia, were arrested Wednesday. They were charged with conspiracy to import and distribute marijuana. U.S. Attorney's statement: http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/waw/press_room/2005/jul/raj.htm
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/07/21/AR2005072101049.html>

6. *July 21, New York Times* — **Officials reveal a near collision at Kennedy Airport.** A fully fueled wide-body jet carrying an unknown number of passengers apparently blundered onto a runway at Kennedy International Airport and into the path of a cargo plane accelerating for takeoff two weeks ago, federal safety officials said on Wednesday, July 20. They said that the crew of the cargo plane narrowly prevented a collision by taking off early. Air traffic controllers were alerted to the near collision, which occurred in fog and rain shortly before 2 a.m. (EDT), on July 6, when a crew member in the cargo plane shouted into an open

microphone, "Somebody's on the runway!" according to an official of the controllers' union. The official, Barrett R. Byrnes, said that the passenger plane, flown by Israil, an Israeli carrier that began service to the United States in March, had crossed over a line of amber and red lights embedded in the concrete. Byrnes estimated that the cargo plane had been traveling at 100 knots, or about 115 miles per hour, when its pilot managed to get it into the air, clearing the 767 by less than 100 feet. "A hundred feet is incredibly close," said Richard F. Healing, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board. "It's a very, very dangerous situation."

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/07/21/nyregion/21plane.html>

7. *July 21, CNN* — **UK police: latest bombers failed.** On July 21, two weeks to the day after the July 7 London bombings, attackers tried — and failed — to set off explosive devices at three Tube stations and on a double-decker bus. Police said evidence left behind in Thursday's attempted bombings has given them what may be a "significant breakthrough" in their investigation. Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ian Blair said investigators were analyzing forensic material found at the sites "which may be very helpful to us." There are reports of one person wounded, although ambulance services said they did not transport anyone from the scenes. Blair said while the near-simultaneous attacks had echoes of the ones two weeks ago that killed 52 people and the four bombers — also on three Tube trains and a bus — it was too early to say whether they bore the hallmarks of al Qaeda. The police chief confirmed there were four scenes — at Oval, Warren Street and Shepherd's Bush Underground stations and on a bus in east London — where "attempts have been made to set off explosive devices." Police also said they deployed armed officers to investigate an "incident" at University College Hospital, near Warren Street, where an explosive device went off aboard a train.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2005/WORLD/europe/07/21/london.tube/index.html>

8. *July 21, Department of Transportation* — **DOT launches new Website to assist persons with disabilities for emergency preparedness.** The Department of Transportation (DOT) on Thursday, July 21, launched a new Website containing information to help ensure safe and secure transportation for persons with disabilities in the event of a disaster or emergency. The new site includes advice on emergency preparedness, transportation accessibility, and evacuation methods for certain modes of transportation, such as rail and transit systems. Disabled individuals can learn how to react in situations ranging from evacuations of mass transit systems to being trapped in a car during a blizzard or hurricane. The site also includes links to Department of Homeland Security Web pages that provide information on preparing for specific emergencies, including natural disasters such as severe weather, fire and earthquakes, as well as man-made disasters such as spills of hazardous materials. In addition, the site also provides information for transportation providers on how to respond to the unique needs of people with disabilities during an emergency.

The new Website address is <http://www.dotcr.ost.dot.gov/asp/emergencyprep.asp>.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot10305.htm>

9. *July 21, New York Times* — **In new security move, New York Police to search commuters' bags.** New York City will begin making random checks of bags and backpacks at subway stations, commuter railways and on buses, officials announced Thursday, July 21, in the wake of a second wave of bombings on the London transit system. The announcement by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly represents a significant ratcheting up of antiterrorism security in the city. The city's subway system alone has 468

stations and carries some 4.5 million passengers on an average weekday. Some of the larger stations have at least half a dozen entrances and exits. In New York City, relatively few people own cars, and the majority of those who commute via subway carry a bag of some sort. Kelly said most searches will occur in subway stations, but that the Police Department "will reserve the right" to check the bags of passengers on buses and ferries as well. Passengers will be checked before they enter a station's turnstiles, though some people inside stations may also be searched. People who do not submit to a search will be allowed to leave, but will not be permitted into the subway station.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2005/07/21/nyregion/21cnd-security.html?hp&ex=1122004800&en=f7657fe1f1bc5beb&ei=5094&partner=home_page

10. *July 20, GovExec* — **FAA and air traffic controllers begin talks on union contract.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) began contract talks with air traffic controllers Tuesday, July 19, in a contentious fight over salaries and hiring rates, among other issues. The controllers are being represented by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association in a negotiation to update the current contract, which was signed in 1998 and extended in 2003. FAA administrators say labor costs account for 80 percent of their operating budget, which they are trying to reduce as the aviation industry declines. Air traffic controllers are among the highest paid workers in the government, earning two and a half times the salaries of other FAA union workers, the administration says. Also at issue is the union's alleged control over schedules and staffing levels. The contract expires in September.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0705/072005r1.htm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *July 21, Dayton Daily News (OH)* — **Teen arrested in postal carrier robbery.** Detectives in Englewood, OH, arrested a 17-year-old youth they suspect robbed a postal carrier at gunpoint in West Dayton Wednesday, July 20. The worker was not injured, but his shirt, hat, bag and photo ID were stolen. Numerous calls flooded Englewood police around 7:30 a.m. Thursday about a suspicious-looking male in a postal uniform and tennis shoes in a parking lot on Ohio 48 near Interstate 70. Security cameras focused on the suspect and observed him in the parking lot interacting with another adult male. Police took both into custody. Englewood police said the juvenile was wearing the uniform when he was taken into custody. Englewood detectives did not find a weapon on him. The juvenile is being detained at the Juvenile Detention Center. The other adult male was released.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/localnews/content/localnews/daily/0721postalnabweb.html>

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Agriculture Sector

12. *July 21, The Wichita Eagle (KS)* — **Kansas undersheriff gives Senate agroterrorism advice.** Ford County Undersheriff James Lane from Dodge City, KS, went to Washington DC, on

Wednesday, July 19, to tell the Senate Agriculture Committee how to use teamwork to combat agricultural terrorism. Although most resources intended to prevent terrorist attacks have gone to urban areas such as Wichita, KS, in the past four years, vast rural areas such as western Kansas are also seen as potential problem spots, where contamination of the food supply or the introduction of a crop disease might quickly damage how the U.S. feeds itself. Earlier in July, a two-year U.S. Justice Department-funded project defining the role of law enforcement in agricultural terrorism was completed with the cooperation of the Ford County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Kansas State University. As part of that project, Ford County helped create a community program called, AgroGuard, a neighborhood-watch-type program for rural areas. The county also developed regional response teams of KBI agents and State veterinarians throughout Kansas, and trained law enforcement on uninspected food products that could be smuggled into Kansas. Lane, discussing that project, said any successful effort against agricultural terrorism has to be focused on the local level.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/mld/eagle/business/industries/agriculture/12184122.htm>

- 13. July 21, *Forbes* — Japan to ease U.S. apple import restrictions after losing World Trade Center case.** Japan will ease its import restrictions on U.S. apples as early as August following a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling that Japan breached international trade rules. Under the new proposal, Japan will lift several measures, including chlorine sterilization on the surface of apples from the U.S. The WTO's dispute settlement body ruled in June that Japan had breached international trade rules by maintaining the controls "without sufficient scientific evidence." Japan had argued that the measures — including a ban on apple imports from all but Washington and Oregon — were necessary to guard against a plant bacterial disease known as fire blight.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/home/feeds/afx/2005/07/21/afx2150348.html>

- 14. July 21, *Reuters* — Attack on U.S. food supply "easy," senators warn.** An attack on America's food supply using biological agents or disease is easy to do, would spread fast and have a devastating economic effect, a Senate committee heard on Wednesday, July 20, as it reviewed protection for U.S. agriculture. "In the case of foot-and-mouth disease it takes little scientific training," Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), chairman of the Intelligence Committee. "You put a handkerchief under a diseased animal in Afghanistan, put it in a zip-lock bag, put it in your suitcase, come to the United States and drop it in any one of our feed lots. And we're in a lot of trouble." Magnifying the issue further is the recent confirmation of a second U.S. case of mad cow disease which may have revealed a flaw in the system, according to Senate Agriculture Committee chairman Saxby Chambliss. The animal tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in a rapid screening test in November, but was found free of the disease when retested. In June, USDA scientists reopened the case and tested again, using a third kind of technology which showed the 12-year-old cow was infected with the brain-wasting ailment.

Source: http://today.reuters.co.uk/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2005-07-20T214808Z_01_YUE078446_RTRUKOC_0_FOOD-USA.xml

- 15. July 21, *North Dakota Ag Connection* — North Dakota's State veterinarian urges anthrax vaccination of livestock.** North Dakota's chief animal health official is strongly urging livestock owners in four southeastern counties to consult with their veterinarians about vaccinating their animals against anthrax. "As of this morning, anthrax has been detected at

more than 20 locations in Barnes, Dickey, LaMoure and Ransom counties," Dr. Susan Keller, the North Dakota State veterinarian, said Wednesday, July 20. Keller said all herds with anthrax–infected animals have been quarantined and are being vaccinated. Keller said that while the need to vaccinate animals is most urgent in the four southeastern counties of North Dakota, livestock owners in surrounding counties and throughout the State should be on the watch for anthrax.

Source: <http://www.northdakotaagconnection.com/story–state.cfm?Id=473&yr=2005>

16. *July 20, Southeast Farm Press* — **U.S. Department of Agriculture moves forward with National Animal Identification System.** With the recent confirmation of a second case of mad cow disease in the U.S., the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accelerating efforts at implementing a National Animal Identification System. Beef leaders in at least one Southeast state is endorsing USDA's plan to implement a National Animal Identification System (NAIS). The Alabama Farmers Federation State Beef Committee has issued a statement supporting USDA's plan, which would allow State and Federal animal health officials to better manage disease surveillance and control programs. When fully implemented, the NAIS would utilize electronic identification methods to track and identify all animals and premises that have had contact with an animal disease of concern within 48 hours of an initial diagnosis. Federation Beef Director Perry Mobley says the plan will protect consumer and producers because it will allow USDA to quickly track exposed animals in the event of an agri–terrorism attack or disease outbreak. Currently, livestock producers can voluntarily register their premises under the NAIS. The NAIS is being developed for all species that would benefit from rapid tracebacks in the event of a disease concern, such as cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, poultry, bison, deer, elk, llamas and alpacas.

Source: <http://southeastfarmpress.com/news/072005–Animal–ID/>

17. *July 19, Southern Plant Diagnostic Network* — **Rust found on soybeans in Florida.** Rust was found and confirmed on Tuesday, July 19, in a soybean sentinel plot in Escambia County, FL. This county is the westernmost county in the Florida panhandle. The sentinel plot is near production fields and has prompted a change in the management recommendations. Producers in Escambia County are recommended to consider spraying if their fields are approaching bloom or are blooming. Producers in nearby counties are advised to be prepared to spray if new finds are in close proximity to their fields and those fields are blooming or are close to blooming.

Source: http://spdn.ifas.ufl.edu/Florida_Soybean_Rust.htm

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Food Sector

18. *July 21, AgProfessional* — **Update: Judge postpones hearing on Canadian cattle imports.** Judge Cebull, the Federal District Court judge that had granted the temporary injunction barring U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from reopening the border to U.S cattle, postponed the hearing on whether to impose a permanent injunction indefinitely. The hearing had been scheduled for Wednesday, July 27. The Appeals Court overturned the ruling imposing the temporary injunction last week. Judge Cebull says he will decide whether further hearings are necessary after he reads the Appeals court ruling. Canadian cattle began moving into U.S.

markets and packing plants early this week.

Source: http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=34142

- 19. *July 20, Food and Drug Administration* — Food and Drug Administration issues safety alert on smoked salmon.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a safety alert to consumers about the recall of smoked salmon skinless sliced sides because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The products are sold under the brand names: Imperial Salmon House, Superior brand Norwegian Cure, and Golden Eagle Smoked Salmon. The product was sold in Florida, Georgia, New York, and Virginia. *Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism which can be serious and sometimes cause fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as: high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2005/NEW01208.html>

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Water Sector

- 20. *July 20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* — Partnership to improve water security in U.S. and Israel.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Israeli Ministry of National Infrastructures signed an agreement July 19 to work together to improve water supply system security in the U.S. and Israel. Joint projects could include work on contamination warning systems, conducting field testing of sensor technologies, water supply risk assessment and management, and emergency response. The Ministry of National Infrastructures has responsibility for land, water, and energy infrastructure development and administration in Israel.

Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d9bf8d9315e942578525701c005e573c/7940440c3adb1b13852570440068270e!OpenDocument>

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Public Health Sector

- 21. *July 21, Guardian (United Kingdom)* — Indonesia to cull chickens in fight against bird flu.** All chickens on Indonesian farms hit by bird flu will be slaughtered in an effort to halt the spread of the virus, the country's agriculture minister said Thursday, July 21. The Indonesian government had previously resisted calls for a mass culling despite the disease having infected millions of chickens over the past two years. To date, only sick birds have been slaughtered. However, after the country's first three human deaths from bird flu were confirmed Wednesday, July 20, officials decided all infected birds should be culled.

Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/birdflu/story/0,14207,1533102,00.html>

- 22. *July 20, Associated Press* — Work begins on flu vaccine factory.** Work began Wednesday, July 20, in Swifwater, PA, on a new \$150 million factory to make flu vaccines, a facility

designed to boost the United States' vaccine supply. The new Sanofi–Pasteur SA factory, which company officials said should be ready for production for the 2009 flu season, replaces an existing factory in Swiftwater. It will double the capability for producing flu vaccine, company officials said. Sanofi–Pasteur, a division of French pharmaceutical maker Sanofi–Aventis SA, is currently the nation's largest flu–shot provider and the only company manufacturing injectable flu vaccine in the United States. Sanofi–Pasteur is expected to supply 60 million flu shots in the upcoming flu season. Influenza affects up to 20 percent of the U.S. population each season, causing about 36,000 deaths and sending 200,000 to the hospital. Last year, about 57 million people received flu vaccines in the United States.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/07/20/AR2005072001760.html>

23. *July 20, Associated Press* — **Bird flu found in frozen duck meat.** The bird flu virus was found in processed frozen duck meat shipped for human consumption from China to Japan two years ago — another reminder of how easily the disease can cross borders and how hard it is to kill, health officials said Wednesday, July 20. A team of Japanese researchers reported a form of the H5N1 virus was found in duck meat exported from China's Shandong province into Japan in 2003. The World Health Organization (WHO) said this was not the first time the virus has been found in processed meat, but it stressed the findings illustrate the virus' strength and presence in Asian poultry stocks. However, WHO said processed poultry meat poses no risk to consumers as long as precautions are taken during preparation, such as frequently washing hands and countertops and making sure all meat is thoroughly cooked and no blood remains. WHO said the Japanese research suggests the H5N1 virus was circulating among poultry stocks in China when the ducks were processed.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/07/20/AR2005072001339.html>

24. *July 20, Independent (United Kingdom)* — **New superbug outbreak sweeps southern England.** An outbreak of a superbug resistant to antibiotics has infected more than 1,000 people and caused dozens of deaths. The bug, which can lead to blood poisoning, is spreading in southern England. The new superbug, an antibiotic-resistant strain of E.coli, put 357 people in hospital in the Southampton area in 2004, half of all those infected, and caused 29 deaths. It is still spreading through the community and attempts to control it have so far failed. The E.coli bug is concentrated in people living in the community. Difficulties in containing the outbreak have been compounded by laboratories which have used inadequate methods to identify the infection. An investigation into a single strain of the superbug — called extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL)-producing E.coli — found 998 cases were confirmed between 2003 when it was first recognized and early 2005. Cases averaged five per month until May 2003, but then rose to a peak of 85 cases in November 2004.

Source: http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/health_medical/article300354.ece

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Government Sector

25. *July 21, Government Technology* — **Vermont governor announces grant for 2–1–1 info line.** Vermont Governor Jim Douglas recently announced \$415,000 of state funding for a new

initiative called Vermont 2-1-1, a program of United Ways of Vermont. This statewide system provides a simple but critical connection between those seeking services or volunteer opportunities with the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies. Governor Douglas said the funds would assure that all Vermonters have access to this valuable service. "This is a significant investment in the health and well-being of all Vermonters," said Governor Douglas. In addition, Vermont 2-1-1 and the Vermont Emergency Management team are exploring how the new system can assist during crises. The 2-1-1 staff members have participated in two disaster-preparedness drills. Vermont is the second New England state to offer 2-1-1 service. The first 2-1-1 service in the nation was launched by United Way in Atlanta, Georgia in 1997. There are now more than 169 active 2-1-1 systems throughout 32 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.

For more information on 2-1-1's nationwide status, visit <http://www.211.org>

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=95260>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. July 21, *Stratford Star* (CT) — Connecticut town prepared for hurricanes. Emergency management officials in Stratford, CT, say the town is better prepared than ever for a hurricane. Local, state and federal agencies will test their preparedness in two weeks when Connecticut runs a hurricane emergency management drill, said Wayne Sanford, Deputy Commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Nestled by the Housatonic River and Long Island Sound, Stratford might suffer severe wind and flood damage if a strong hurricane placed the town in its bull's-eye. The Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Protection have prepared maps of the Sound that predict storm surge levels for Category 1 through 5 storms at each coastal location. An emergency communications system across the state provides direct links similar to instant-messaging between the state emergency command center and local emergency centers. Another system provides voice communications between local incident commanders and emergency response units anywhere in the state, allowing an officer at the scene of an emergency to talk to units from another community that are en route to his location. Meters in streams and rivers and along the coast report rising or falling water levels as they occur so the officials don't have to send observers into a storm to learn if a waterway is flooding.

Town of Stratford Website: <http://www.townofstratford.com/emergency/index.shtm>

Source: http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1349&dept_id=415619&newsid=14898497&PAG=461&rft=9

27. July 21, *Lincoln Journal* (MA) — Emergency exercise to take place at Hanscom Field. The Massachusetts Port Authority has announced that an emergency exercise will be conducted at L.G. Hanscom Field on Wednesday, July 27. Known as the Triennial Emergency Drill, the airport will simulate an aircraft accident that will involve mutual aid response from Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln. The airport conducts simulated accidents every three years in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations. The purpose of the exercise is to test and evaluate the emergency response system at L.G. Hanscom Field and to reinforce cooperation among agencies. The last exercise was held in 2002. Also participating in the exercise are the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Red Cross, U.S. Air Force, Federal

Aviation Administration (FAA), National Transportation Safety Board, Transportation Security Administration, the Lahey Clinic, Emerson Hospital, Boston Medflight, Signature Flight Support, Jet Aviation, and 44 volunteers acting as victims. The Wyotech Aeronautical, Maintenance and Technology School will provide a Boeing 727 aircraft for the drill.

Source: <http://www2.townonline.com/lincoln/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=289319>

28. *July 21, Rockford Register Star (IL)* — Leaders look to make grade in Exelon

nuclear–accident drill. Local leaders in Rochelle, IL, practiced their emergency response skills in an nuclear–accident drill involving Exelon nuclear plant in Byron on Wednesday, July 20. They practice every other year, while Exelon officials perform yearly drills. Federal managers monitored the responses and graded their efforts. Their findings will be presented Friday afternoon in Oregon. Information from the review is used to improve their emergency response planning. Scenarios differ for each session. In Wednesday's case, the equipment failure was bad enough that as the situation progressed, the accident was upgraded to the fourth and worst classification of general emergency. Gerry DeYoung, Exelon's director of state and local programs, said more than 300 people participated in the drill. They taped a radio announcement, made a call to activate sirens and held press briefings like they would in a real emergency. Bob Simmons, an emergency planner with the Illinois Emergency Management Association, showed off a dosimetry kit, used to measure radiation exposure for emergency workers. The kit includes instruments to measure the radiation, instructions and potassium iodide pills, which protect the thyroid gland.

Source: <http://www.rrstar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050721/NEWS0106/507210331/1004/NEWS>

29. *July 20, Mount Shasta News (CA)* — Fire fighters work together at Eric Hall drill. More than 200 fire fighters from 12 local, volunteer, state and federal fire agencies trained together during the 12th Annual Eric Hall Interagency Fire Drill in Lake Shastina, CA, on July 9th and 10th. Fire fighters from the Shasta–Trinity and Klamath National Forests, the California Department of Forestry and the Oregon Department of Forestry joined members of the Siskiyou County sheriff's department, 15 Siskiyou County volunteer fire department fire fighting crews and one crew from Shasta County for training. The annual drill prepares area fire agencies to work together more effectively and confidently in the event of a major wildland/urban interface fire in Siskiyou County. Incident commander, Arlen Craven, deputy fire management officer for the Shasta–Trinity National Forest, said fire fighters walk away from the drill with a better understanding of each other's way of communicating, both technically and personally, and get to know their counterparts in law enforcement. Sheriff's department officer Mike Murphy said most fire departments operate under the Incident Command System, whereas law enforcement uses a para–military style system. Because fire and law enforcement personnel work together in major wildland/urban interface fires and emergencies, he said communications between the two are critical to effective action.

Source: http://www.mtshastanews.com/articles/2005/07/20/news/area_news/01erichalldrill.txt

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

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July 20, FrSIRT — Greasemonkey Firefox extension arbitrary file disclosure issue. A vulnerability was identified in Greasemonkey, which could be exploited by remote attackers to read arbitrary files on a vulnerable system. This flaw is due to a design error when using insecure "GM_*" functions (i.e. [GM_xmlHttpRequest](#), GM_getValue, or GM_getValue), which could be exploited via a malicious web page to read any file on a vulnerable system or list the contents of local directories.

User should upgrade to Greasemonkey version 0.3.5 :

<https://addons.mozilla.org/extensions/moreinfo.php?application=firefox&id=748>

Source: <http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2005/1147>

- 31. July 20, Secunia — ReviewPost PHP Pro "sort" SQL injection vulnerability.** A vulnerability has been reported in ReviewPost, which can be exploited by malicious people to conduct SQL injection attacks. Input passed to the "sort" parameter in "showproduct.php" isn't properly sanitised before being used in a SQL query. This can be exploited to manipulate SQL queries by injecting arbitrary SQL code.

Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/16134/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT noted that a number of new exploits came out this weekend. If you are using applications vulnerable to these exploits, ensure you patch and update your software. A new Sybase vulnerability was reported which could give a remote attacker the capability to execute code with administrator privileges. Microsoft has been aware of and working on fixing a Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) vulnerability since May, but has not released a fix yet. Some scanning of Port 3389, associated with RDP, was noted over the weekend. We recommend you take one or more of the actions recommended by Microsoft (see below) to mitigate this vulnerability.

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	6881 (bittorrent), 1026 (---), 445 (microsoft-ds), 139 (netbios-ssn), 27015 (halflife), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 135 (epmap), 6347 (gnutella-rtr), 4672 (eMule), 25 (smtp)
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Source: <http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html>; Internet Storm Center

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